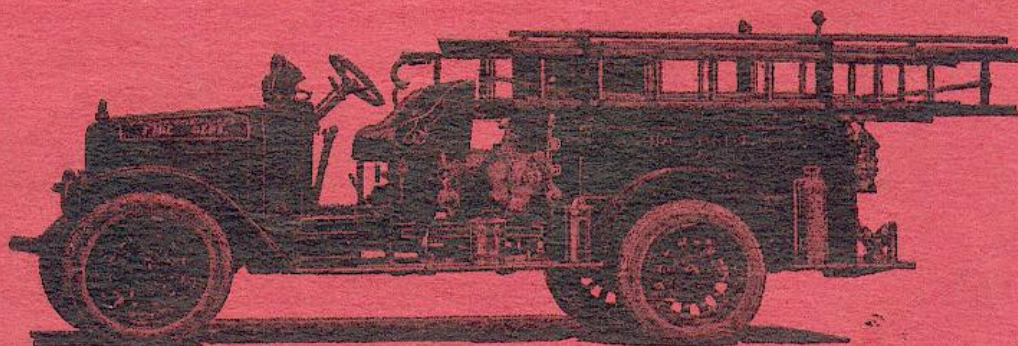


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34th ANNUAL
CONVENTION and
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The Firemen's Association of Ontario



PETROLIA, ONTARIO
August 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th
1935

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GREETINGS!

To the Visiting Firemen



MAYOR K. C. KERR

On behalf of the citizens of the Town of Petrolia, I extend to all visitors a most hearty welcome to our town upon this, the Thirty-fourth annual Convention and Demonstration of the Ontario Volunteer Firemen's Association.

During your visit here I trust that your deliberations will be conducive to much good for your organization and to volunteer firemen in general, and that you may long remember your visit with us and the new friends made during your sojourn in Petrolia.

Yours very truly,

K. C. KERR,
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The Town of Petrolia

EXCERPTS FROM PETROLIA OLD BOYS SOUVENIR OF 1908
With Additions by Assistant Fire Chief W. R. McDonald

In the beginning —

The Township of Enniskillen contained 86,800 acres. By assessment the roll of 1847 it had 396½ acres of land under cultivation, 37 settlers who owned 34 cows and 16 dogs.

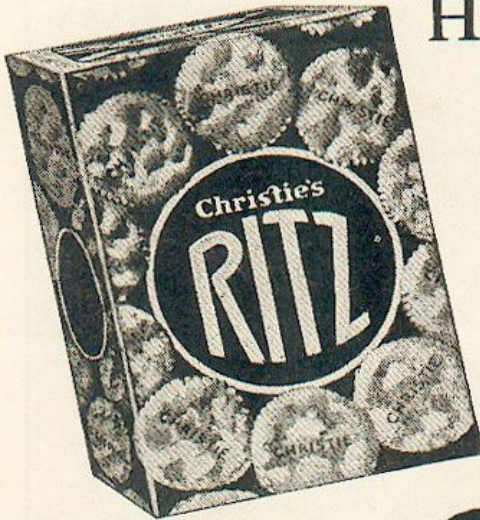
Very near the centre of this once grand hunting ground, where roamed the wild deer and the wilder turkey reared its brood, Petrolia was born.

Petrolia Named by Patrick Barclay

A spring showing oil was its father. It was named in 1861 by the first postmaster, Patrick Barclay, and three others. During the years 1862-3-4 Petrolia slept. The last half of 1865 had arrived, the American Civil War had ended and crude oil touched \$10.00 per barrel. This was inviting and a great many Americans with money invaded Petrolia and the boom was on.

There is no town throughout the world better known than Petrolia. For there is no oil field throughout the globe where Petrolia

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Nutty-flavored, slightly salted little Wafers, toasted to a turn! Everybody's talking about them. Try Christie's "Ritz" with cheese and your favorite beverage ... any way you prefer ... they're a real treat ... so EXTRA good.

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Leather Goods
Store**

**WELCOME THE
FIREMEN TO
PETROLIA**

THE TOWN OF PETROLIA

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drillers have not been. Wherever oil is there you will find Petrolians.

Petrolia is situated on a branch line of the C. N. R., five miles south of Wyoming, which road was opened to Petrolia on the 17th of December 1866. The Michigan Central branch line from St. Thomas also runs into Petrolia and was opened in 1877. It is also now reached by Highway No. 21, open summer and winter.

Geo. Moncrieff, Sr., First Mayor of Petrolia

In 1874 Petrolia was incorporated as a Town with the late Geo. Moncrieff, Sr., first mayor. Like most oil towns we have had our ups and downs. At the present time we are a community of approximately 3,000.

Petrolia, the Hub of Lambton County, is also the centre of a very rich farming community, and ideal for the growing of sugar beets. As a place of residence it has all the accommodation that one could desire.

Education and Religion

In educational facilities we have one of the finest and best equipped High Schools in Ontario. We have a large central Public school and two ward schools; also the Petrolia Business College.

In the matter of religion we have the United, Presbyterian, Baptist, Anglican and Catholic Churches, the Salvation Army and a City Mission.

We have also a small but splendid Public Library.

Industrially, Petrolia still produces oil from wells, many of which have pumped over 60 years, while its oil refinery, the Canadian Oil Companies, Limited, has just completed this year the installation of a modern cracking plant, not the largest, but the finest in Canada. We have also an oil well supply plant, machine shops, planing mill, brick and tile yards, grist mill and creamery.

Water Supply From Lake Huron

Petrolia owns its own water service, the water being brought from Lake Huron; also excellent Hydro service and plentiful supply of natural gas for every use; good banking service; good shipping service; telegraph and telephone and express service. In fact, Petrolia has everything that goes to make up a good live progressive town.

PETROLIA TOWN COUNCIL, 1935

Mayor	Reeve	Deputy Reeve
K. C. KERR.	C. O. FAIRBANK.	JOS. LANDON.

Councillors

W. J. Cole.	Bloss Sutherland.	F. L. Braybrook.
J. L. Williams.	E. Preston.	Wm. J. Balls.

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And all the necessities
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All home-made.

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B. C. PHILLIPS, Dunnville, 2nd Vice-President.
W. J. ARMSTRONG, Toronto, Secretary.
THOS. M. WAUMSLEY, Burlington, Treasurer.

Executive Committee

JAS. GARDHOUSE, Weston.
J. K. WILLIAMS, Humber Bay.
J. I. KEMP, Swansea.
W. H. LONG, Georgetown.
A. B. HANDLEY, Ingersoll.

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Veteran Fireman.

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Dunnville, Ont.



W. J. ARMSTRONG, Sec'y.
Toronto, Ont.



TOM WAUMSLEY, Treas.
Burlington, Ont.

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VARNISH
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Welcome Firemen !

We hope you enjoy your
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Oil Town.

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Goods Guaranteed for Qual-
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PETROLIA, ONTARIO

Petrolia Fire Department

J. FRANK KNAPP, Chief.
W. R. McDONALD, Assistant Chief.
NORMAN JACKSON, Secretary.
WM. W. FLETCHER, Treasurer.
LYLE SMITH, Captain.

COMMITTEES IN CHARGE

Printing—Chief Knapp, Assistant Chief W. R. McDonald, and Secretary Norman Jackson.

Finance—Reeve C. O. Fairbank, W. R. McDonald, J. L. Williams, and W. W. Fletcher.

Billets—W. R. McDonald, J. L. Williams, P. Bentein, F. Gaunt.

Reception—Mayor K. C. Kerr, Reeve C. O. Fairbank, Chief Knapp, and Captain Lyle Smith.

Invitation—W. R. McDonald, Bud Morrison and Norman Jackson.

Entertaining and Concession—Chief Knapp, H. Gillespie, E. Zimmerman and W. R. McDonald.

Parades—E. Zimmerman, F. Bartlett, J. Ward and R. Kerr.

Booths—H. Gillespie, William Knapp, E. Clifford and A. Sulston.

Sports—Bud Morrison, F. Gaunt, R. Kerr, P. Bentein.

Decoration—All firemen on committees with E. Zimmerman as chairman.

Dance—R. Kerr, P. Bentein, W. Smith, E. Zimmerman.

Grounds—W. Smith, George Ward, George Jackson and Joseph Tobin.

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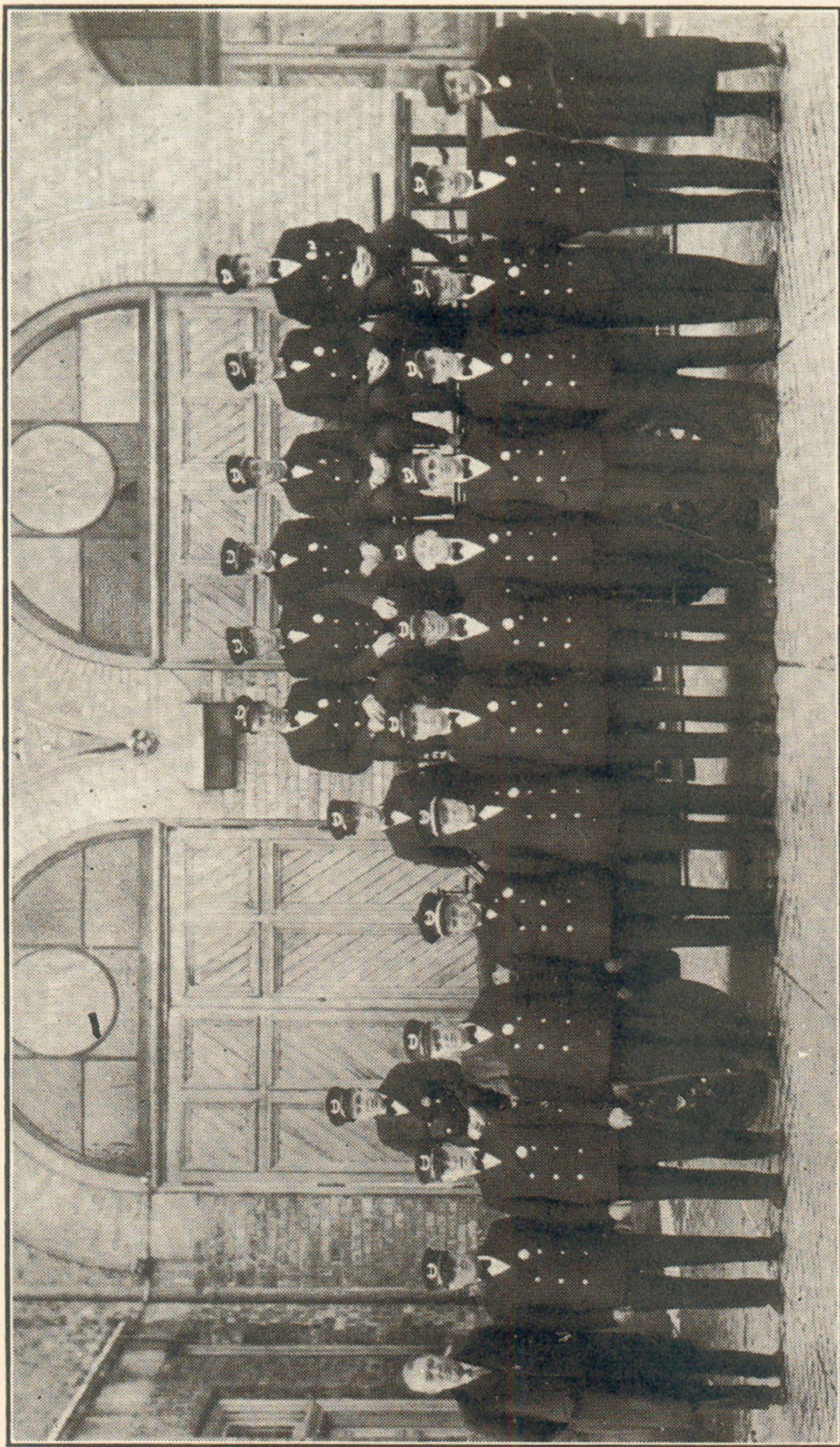
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price.

GIVE US A TRIAL.

CECIL ANDERSON
PETROLIA



PETROLIA FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1935

BACK ROW (left to right)—Frank Bartlett, Paul Bentein, Lyle Smith, Jos. Tobin, J. L. Williams, John Ward, Henry Gillespie, J. S. (Bud) Morrison.

FRONT ROW (left to right)—Mayor K. C. Kerr, Elmer Clifford, Geo. Ward, Wm. J. Smith, J. F. Knapp (Chief); W. R. McDonald, (Assistant Chief); Ab. Sulston, Geo. Jackson, Norman Jackson, (Sec'y); Russell Kerr, Frank Gaunt, Geo. Stewart, Ed. Zimmerman, W. W. Fletcher, Wm. Knapp (not in picture).

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We Prosper Through Service

Whether it is in cleaning your watch or clock, setting a stone in your ring, soldering your spectacles, or engraving a jewel, etc.

Headquarters for nice gifts in Silverware and Toilet Articles and Clocks for weddings and other presentations.

We test eyes and fit glasses under Government permit.

Forty Years in Petrolia

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That radiant, luxurious,
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for every surface — in-
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Superior to wax or
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Sold by

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Good Wishes
to the
Old Boys!**

FIREMEN !
Extend your hose !
Petrolia's growing.
We are with you.

J. & J. CUNNINGHAM



J. FRANK KNAPP, Chief.
Petrolia Fire Department.



W. R. McDONALD, Assist. Chief.
Petrolia Fire Department.

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Welcome
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of Ontario

May This be
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THIS SPACE

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STRATTON & McILWRAITH, Proprietors.

PETROLIA, ONTARIO

Lambton Club Ice Cream will be served by the Firemen
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WELCOME, FIREMEN!

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Make our place your rest
room headquarters for
Tobacco, Ice Cream and
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When at the Convention

Dine or Lunch

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Quick and Courteous Service



Main Street, Petrolia, looking East from M. C. R. Tracks.

Congratulations!

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When in Town

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We have a complete stock of Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobacco, Stationery, Chocolate Bars, Boxed Chocolates and Camera Supplies.

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When in town
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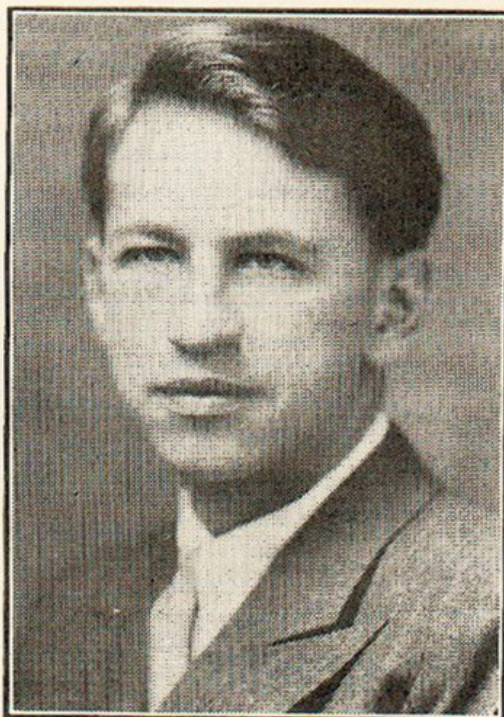
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To All Parts of Ontario
Prompt Service —
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We appreciate your
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THE FIREMEN PROTECT
Your Property from Loss
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YOUR AGENT
Wallace Reid
Protects You from Loss
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Fire
Sickness or Accident
Auto Dangers
And / or Other Risks.

Congratulations to the P.F.D.

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2nd

Morning

Registration and Billeting delegates at Convention
Headquarters — Town Hall, 10 a.m.
Standing Committees to meet.

Friday Afternoon

2 o'clock Standard Time.

Official opening of Convention.

Prayer—Rev. W. H. Robarts.

Address of Welcome—Mayor K. C. Kerr.

Response—President Jos. Smith, of Mt. Dennis.

Business Session.

4 p.m.—O. B. A. Class A Teams—Sarnia vs. Strathroy.

Friday Evening

8.00 p.m.—Business Session and Educational Program.
Band Concert.

Thank You!

The Petrolia Fire Department desire to thank those who helped us in any way to put over this convention and to make it a time long to be remembered.

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EVERY SUCCESS

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Gents' Furnishings, Hats
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Headquarters for
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Forsyth Shirts
Biltmore Hats
Slater Shoes

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd

9 a.m.—Concluding Business Session and Election of Officers.

Saturday Afternoon

1.30 p.m. sharp—Sightseeing Tour of Petrolia.
Cars leave Town Hall.

1.30 p.m.—Horse Races at Greenwood Driving Park.
Men's Softball Game — Two leading teams.

Saturday Evening

Band Concert. Parades. Dancing.
Monster Carnival.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4th

Services in churches as follows:

9 a.m.—Catholic Church—Rev. Father Harrigan.

11 a.m.—United Services in United Church—Rev. J. W. Hisey.

11 a.m.—Anglican Church—Rev. W. H. Robarts.

Sunday Afternoon

3 p.m.—Decoration Service in Park by Firemen and Canadian Legion.

Speakers—Rev. E. W. McKegney, Sarnia, and T. M. Waumsley, Burlington.

Sunday Evening

8.30 p.m.—Massed Band Concert in Victoria Park.
Lambton Regimental Band, Sarnia and Petrolia
Citizens' Band.

Patronize Home Industry

USE YOUR OWN
FLOUR

Petrolia Flour
Mills

HERE'S TO THE SUCCESS

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While in town, come in and
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Authorized Westinghouse
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**ICE COLD SODAS
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Fresh Willards' Chocolates

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Trained and placed by modern
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24th year of thorough, practical
Business Education by
experienced Instructors. Our
graduates get and hold responsible
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Fall Term Opens Sept. 4

Come to Petrolia for your
Business College training
and combine the advantages
of this progressive College
with residence in Western
Ontario's most livable, most
lovable Town.

Petrolia Business College

McMillan Bldg.

PETROLIA, ONT.

PROGRAMME

MONDAY, AUGUST 5th

Monster Parade and Demonstration.

Parade of Visiting Fire Departments, Bands and Decorated Floats will leave the Hall at 1.30 p.m. and proceed along Walnut Street, to Oil Street, to Petrolia Street, to Huggard Street, and Greenwood Driving Park, past the Grand Stand.

HOSE RACE, HOOK AND LADDER RACE, FANCY DRILL

Prizes in Each Event, \$150.00; \$100.00; \$60.00.

Rescue Race—Bickle Trophy.

Best Appearing Company in Parade—Class 1 Trophy.

Best Appearing Company in Parade—Class 2 Trophy.

Oldest Apparatus in Parade—Special Prize.

All Companies bringing band of not less than 20 pieces—\$20.00.

Chief coming longest distance—Special Prize.

Oldest chief in parade—Special Prize.

Company of not less than 20 men coming longest distance—\$20.00.

100-yard Foot Race for firemen over 30 years—Prizes: \$5; \$3; \$2.

100-yard Foot Race, Open—Prizes valued at \$5; \$3; \$2.

Chief's 100-yard Race—Prizes valued at \$5; \$3; \$2.

Firemen's Relay Race—1 mile.

All Events on Standard Time.

Monday Night

Special Programme.

Midway.

Jitney Dance.

Refreshment Booth.

At 11.00 p.m. the drawing for prizes given by the Fire Department will take place in Victoria Park.

All Events on Eastern Standard Time.

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for Oil, Salt, Gas and Water Wells

Petrolia :-: Ontario

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to the

VISITING FIREMEN !

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Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
QUALITY GROCERIES

J. BISHOP
PETROLIA, ONT.

LIVE WELL

and

ECONOMICALLY

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PURE, FRESH

MILK

from

ALDERTON DAIRY

JOS. CHENNEY

DRAYMAN

PETROLIA

Persons wishing to hire trucks by the day, with or without drivers, can be accommodated.

Deliver baggage to and from trains at Wyoming.

TRY OUR

QUALITY MEATS

Robertson's Meat Market

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PETROLIA**

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**BARBER and BEAUTY
PARLOR**

Ladies' and Children's
Work a Specialty.

Permanents, Finger
Wave, Hot Oil
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Manufacturers of

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"Cosmo Cups"

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VISITING FIREMEN!

The
PEGGY
Shoppe

Women's and Misses'
Ready-to-Wear and
Accessories

"A price to meet your purse"

One Door West of M. & P.
PETROLIA

*This Space
With the
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**Wholesale
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GOOD LUCK

TO THE BOYS

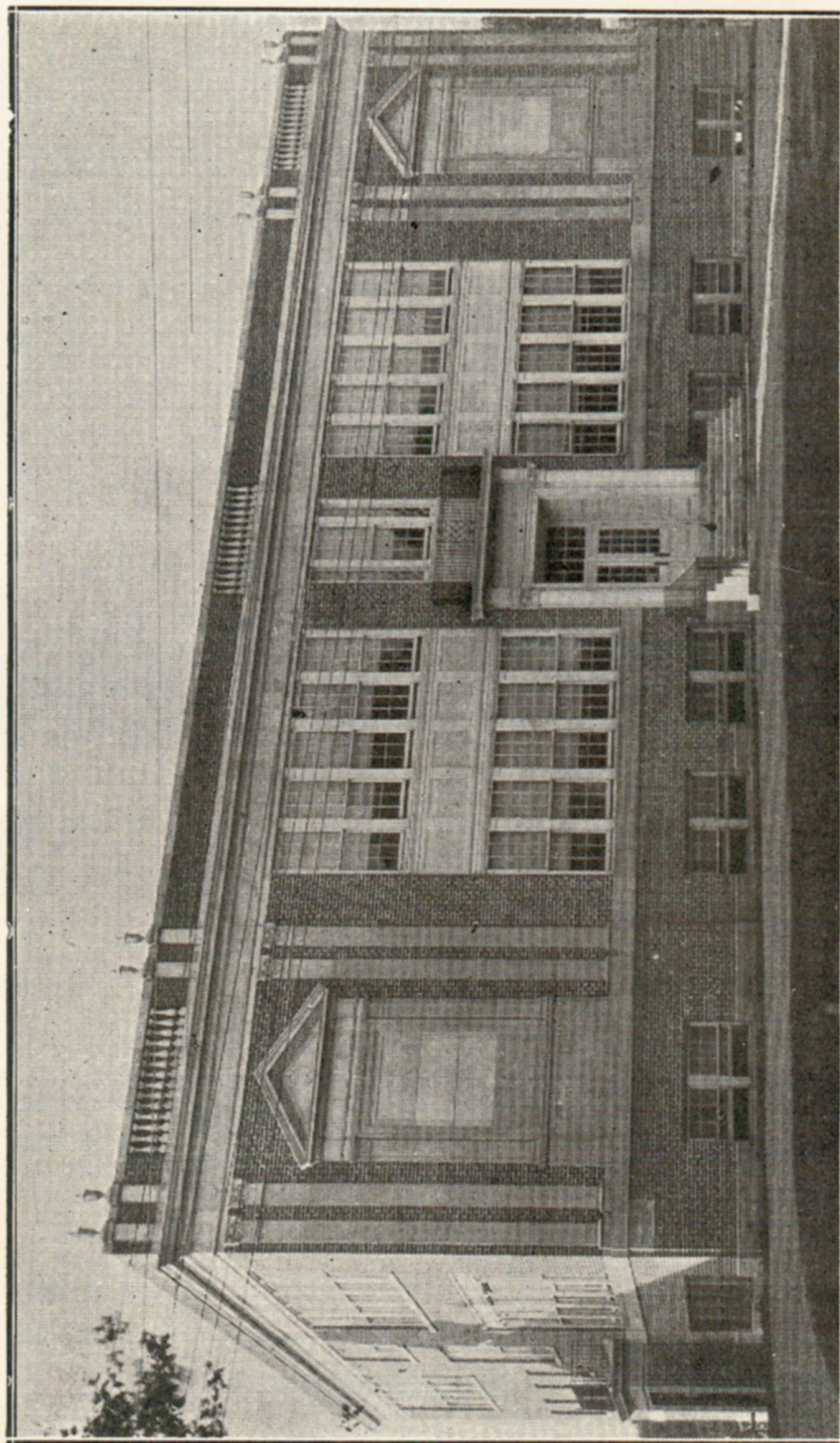
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We cut your hair to accent-
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Ask Your Dealer for



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"HORSESHOE BRAND"

HAMS
LARD

BACON
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Delicious Cooked Meats

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PHONE 96 PETROLIA

Under new management.

Heated Rooms

Running water in rooms.

Rates: \$2.50 per day; meals,
50c; bed and breakfast, \$1.50.

Compliments

The Tobacco House

PETROLIA, ONT.



History of Petrolia Fire Dept.

By Ex-Fire Chief Ernest Preston.

Early Days in Petrolia

Oil was first discovered here in 1861 (Oil Springs 1858) and the post office in the community where the oil was found was named Petrolia in 1861 — the population was small.

By 1865 the production of oil had increased, the population grew and the growth was of good material — from North, East, South and West.

The buildings were wooden, large and small. They burned when they took fire and the neighbor was saved by an efficient bucket brigade and water from Bear Creek. Five hotels supplied the stimulant.

Big Fire at the King Well, 1867

August 3rd, 1867, Petrolia's largest fire took place at what was known as the King well — owned by a gentleman called Captain King. This well flowed thousands of barrels of oil and huge tanks were er-

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ected to hold the oil till it could be shipped. Fire broke out and burned furiously for two weeks, or until the earth ran into the well and choked it up. The King well was located just west of Eureka street on the Blind line.

The community was organized as a village in 1866. On January 3rd 1869, the council ordered a hook and ladder to be made and Wm. Hartery, a wagon maker, was chosen for the job. He made a truck that did good service for many years. It carried ladders, buckets, ropes, hooks and a battering ram made like a ladder. It was very heavy with a wide 12-inch blade bolted on the end. With any number of husky men on each side to swing it, nothing could stand before it. The truck cost \$200 and was kept in the old village hall on Pearl Street, East End.

March 20th, 1869, the council passed a by-law authorizing the organization of a hook and ladder company and to appoint a fire warden.

April 6th, 1869, O. W. Chamberlain was appointed the first Fire Warden with H. Smiley, captain, and Joseph Ward, lieutenant. Some 50 citizens were enrolled as members of the first hook and ladder company. O. W. Chamberlain resigned in 1871 and Walter Oliver was chosen in his place.

The most serious refinery fire up to this time occurred July 30th, 1872, when the "Big Still," owned by Parsons and Co., exploded, and the contents, 2,000 barrels of oil in a flaming mass, ran over the ground burning everything in its path. The loss was heavy.

This date, 1872, also found the town building westward owing to the Great Western Railway having built its station and yards there, and more fire protection was needed.

May 28, 1872, Ewen McQueen and others petitioned the council to purchase a hand or brake fire engine.

First Steam Fire Engine

Citizens also waited upon the Council and asked that a number of cisterns or underground tanks for a water supply be put down, five at the East End and five at the West End, with a capacity of 500 barrels each; also that a steam fire engine be purchased. The tanks were sunk and a steam fire engine purchased.

The engine cost \$2,800.00, duty \$383.00. It was English make, by Shand Mason & Co., of London, and gave excellent service for 50 years.

The First Fire Hall

The Council erected a building on a lot donated by the Great Western Railway directly in front of J. & J. Kerr Co.'s office, facing Main Street.

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The fire engine and lock-up were located on the ground floor; clerk's office, council chamber and court room upstairs. At the rear was a 60-foot tower or square derrick used for hanging the hose to dry — also to hold the town bell which was the fire alarm as well. The hand-drawn hose carts were also stored in the lower part. Before this bell was placed in the tower the fire alarm, a triangle was used; it was placed high up on the front of the fire or village hall, and with the steam whistles, which nearly every oil property possessed, the alarm was loud and long. The men going to and coming from work all hours of the day and night had a wonderful advantage in discovering outbreaks of fire.

Used Leather Hose in 1872

Improvements in the Fire Department continued. Some 240 feet of "Leather Hose" were purchased. This consisted of leather rolled in the shape of the present day hose, but with the joins or seams rivetted with copper rivets. It was also manufactured in England; solid rubber hose came a few years later.

Thomas Jackson, Chief of Police

On July 4th, 1872, Thomas Jackson was appointed as engineer of the steamer, and a short time after was also appointed Chief of Police. He was a thorough engineer and took a great deal of pride in the fire equipment. He was Chief of Police up to the year 1900, when he retired. Thomas Jackson, a big man with a grip like iron, was a most capable Chief of Police at a time when Petrolia, a real tough mining town, was growing up.

William Hackett was the first teamster with his team to draw the new Fire Engine. He received \$2.00 and the honor, as payment therefor.

December 7th, 1872, the Council provided for the payment of \$8.00 to the first person taking the engine to a fire and returning it. The fire might last two days and the team would remain on duty — small pay in many cases.

May 19, 1873, Henry Canneff, W. Hartery and George Denham petitioned the Council to purchase a hand fire engine at a cost of about \$800.00.

Andes Fire Company Organized in 1873

June, 1873, the Council passed a by-law for the organization of a Steam Fire Engine Co. This was organized and named the Andes Fire Company, after a fire insurance Company, whose agent in Petrolia was Theodore Burns. A fine donation was made by Mr. Burns for the honor. A grant of \$75.00 was made by the Council to purchase uniforms. The officers appointed were: Captain James Peat, Lieutenant John Crosbie, Lieutenant Wm. Anderson.

An order was also passed by the Council for an underground

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tank to be placed at the corner of Station and Petrolia Streets to hold 1,000 barrels of water. This was the largest tank the town ever had. The Great Western Railway, near whose property it was located, donated \$150.00 towards its construction.

Early Fire Brigades Enjoyed Friendly Rivalry

August 18th, 1873, the Council decided to purchase a hand or break fire engine costing \$800.00, and authorized the organization of another fire company to manage the new engine. The company was named the Reliable Fire Company, after an oil well of the same name. This engine was housed at the fire hall on Pearl Street, and did excellent service. There then commenced a friendly rivalry between the three fire companies to get first water on a fire. On January 12th, 1874, Captain Joseph Ward and Wm. Hartery addressed the Council regarding the appointment of a Fire Warden owing to the resignation of Walter Oliver. The Council appointed John H. Fairbank, Fire Warden. Mr. Fairbank continued as fire warden until 1889 and during his term of office was enthusiastic and very efficient.

Petrolia Incorporated as a Town in 1874

There was much work for the firemen during the next number of years. The town built a large residential district to the west, and with most of the fire apparatus engaged at oil fires the Council again decided to purchase another fire engine. In July 1882 an engine which had done good service at London, Ont., also a hose cart, was purchased. This engine (an Amoskag) manufactured at Manchester, N. H., is still in service, having given real satisfaction at all times. Mr. W. G Fraser at this time was appointed Deputy Fire Warden.

In 1885 the fire department membership consisted of about 75 men in the three companies, and the Council granted the sum of \$300.00 to purchase new uniforms for them all. The tailoring department of Lancey's Store secured the contract.

Petrolia Firemen Went West

On the advice of a number of former Petrolia citizens living at Seattle, Washington, Charles VanAlstyne and Thomas Kelly, members of the Reliable Fire Company, went to Seattle and secured positions in the City Fire Department in 1886. In 1887 John Farr followed them, and in 1888 A. B. Hunt, who was Captain of the Reliable Fire Company, went to Seattle and soon after was engaged as Chief of the City Fire Department. He continued in that position for some years.

Present Town Hall and Fire Station Built in 1887

The year 1887 on the completion of the present Town Hall, everything was moved from the old wooden Town Hall to the new Fire Station on Greenfield Street. Fire apparatus, two steam fire engines, three hose carts and lots of fire hose, a real firemen's recreation room — everybody pleased.

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Mr. Fairbank resigned as Fire Warden and W. G. Fraser was appointed Fire Chief, a change in title, and Jas. W. McCutcheon, Deputy Chief, in the year 1889. A new brick fire hall was also built on the corner of Petrolia Street and First Avenue, East End. The hook and ladder truck and hand fire engine and hose carts were moved from Pearl Street and occupied the ground floor. Upstairs was the firemen's room. There was no changes in the Fire Department until 1895 when W. G. Fraser resigned and was succeeded by J. W. McCutcheon, with Ernest Preston as Deputy Chief. During Chief McCutcheon's term in 1896 the Imperial Oil Company had a very serious fire, lasting for a day or more which destroyed a lot of property.

Ernest Preston Made Chief in 1896

Chief McCutcheon resigned shortly after the Imperial fire. Assistant Chief Preston was then appointed Chief of Fire Department and Captain Frank Esson, assistant chief.

Splendid Waterworks System Installed in 1896

July, 1896, the waterworks system was installed, pumping from Lake Huron to stand pipe, and engines pumping from the new hydrants the best water in the world.

First Firemen's Tournament 1897

July 1 and 2, 1897, the Firemen of Petrolia held a two-day tournament and had a wonderful time. Visiting fire departments and firemen came from Western Ontario and Michigan. Liberal prizes were given for hose and hook and ladder races, tug of war and sports of all kinds. Our firemen always attended demonstrations in many towns and cities and won many prizes, but every time the tug-of-war prize came to Petrolia. Our team always "had the pull" and defeated any team chosen from the whole crowd.

Many Fires in the Old Days

There were many changes in the refineries for a few years, refineries were bought up by the Imperial Oil Co., which located at Sarnia. But up to the year 1905 the Firemen of Petrolia had the most strenuous and dangerous services to perform. Eight or ten large refineries were running night and day, some with poor equipment of stills and tanks which were continually leaking and taking fire with the contents running everywhere, burning everything in their path. Underground tanks of oil burned for days. Pumping plants at the wells, which in the later years had grown to large numbers, made real fires.

An oil fire is an experience that only those connected with an oil town fire department encounters or understands.

In 1907 Ernest Preston resigned as Chief of the Fire Department after 11 years' service, and Mr. Edward D. Fletcher was appointed. A horse drawn hose wagon and a hook and ladder truck was purchased in Chief Preston's time.

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The citizens who were always ready to supply horses for fire service should not be forgotten and among them were: John Leader, John Gibson, Wm. Gibson, Henry Esson, Wm. Ewing, Peter Brogan, J. & J. Kerr Co., Wm. Gaunt, J. B. Scott, Wm. Allenby and J. W. Marshall.

In 1923 E. D. Fletcher resigned and J. Frank Knapp was appointed and is still in office, with Walter R. McDonald as assistant chief. A few years ago a motor fire engine and hose truck was purchased and does good service.

Old Time Firemen Remembered

Some old time firemen, members of the East End Companies, are: Henry Canneff, M. J. Kelly, Jeff Davis, Richard McCutcheon, Nelson Kester, John Burns, Tom Burns, Geo. Bruce, Chas. McManus, Frank O'Rourke, J. W. Ferguson, Charles Esson, Joseph Volway, W. W. Fletcher, Fred Stone, John Williamson, John Lambert, Patrick Kelly, David Stothers, Bob Hunter, James Glass, John Phalen, John Glenn, William Staples.

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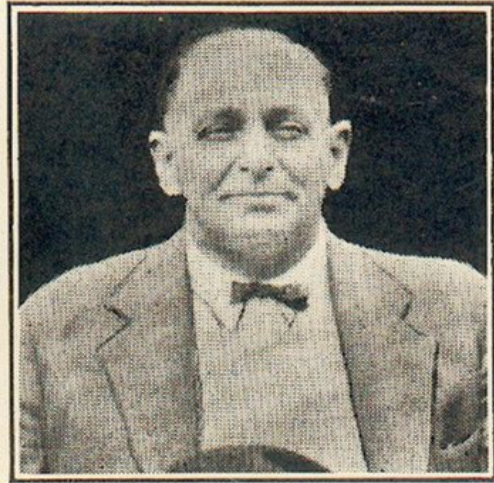
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